

Alaska FASD Partnership Steering Committee
August 10, 2016 - MINUTES

I. Introductions – Vickie, Shannon, Lakota Holman, Mike Jeffery, Alex Edwards, Deb Evensen, Teri Tibbett

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from 7/13/16. Approved.

IV. Member Updates

Mike reported that the North Slope Borough School District invited him to open a session on accommodations for students with FASD and other brain-based challenges by talking about his experience making accommodations for FASD in his courtroom. The in-service had about 60 people, including all of the NSBSD principals, counselors, new teachers and Inupiat teachers. The main presenter on classroom accommodations was Dr. Patricia McDaid, who was excellent. He also said that the new 3-hour FASD training on the DEED website is excellent and well worth the 3 hours. Next week he will be on Denman Island, by Vancouver Island, BC at a L.I.F.E. session of White Crow Village. It is a summer camp for families with children affected by FASD. They mentor visiting professionals by modeling the most effective ways to work with the children and their families.

Lakota will be presenting at a conference in Canada on Community Attitudes, related to prevention from mothers using alcohol. Also, ANTHC is a funding partner for Camp Hope, presented by VOAAK, for families impacted negatively by alcohol, learning protective behaviors, mentoring, etc., with the hope of expanding the camp. Many of the counselors are people who have gone through the camp in the past, also from Health Kids, Healthy Voices program.

Shannon – DJJ is struggling with four girls with FASD who have been kicked out of every program in and outside of state, figuring out how to work with them, they have sensory issues that are a problem for them living on the unit. They are using Trust money to bring up specialists on strengths-based training in January.

Alex reported the project she manages Arctic SBIRT training project have been working with public health on an alcohol screening and brief intervention to present a workshop that provides evidence-based strategies and tools for reducing alcohol pregnancies, substance use, etc. They'll be discussing upstream approaches happening around the state to preventing substance misuse before & during pregnancy on Tuesday, September 27, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., as part of the MCH&I conference.

Teri reported about the Lemon Creek Correctional Center's In-Reach effort to bring in outside volunteers to teach classes and help inmates with housing, employment, education, behavioral health treatment, peer support,

Deb said Anchorage School District (8 years) and Kenai (5 years) have both renewed their contracts with Deb to continue addressing FASD with students, teachers, administrators, staff, parents.

V. Ad Hoc Therapeutic Foster Care

The ad hoc group is working on finding or developing a training curriculum that will offer a practical hands-on. Teri suggested an expanded goal of training an expert wherever there is direct contact with people with FASD: corrections, teachers, social workers, OCS workers, parents, etc. Promote every agency assigning a point person to get extra training so they can be the facility 'expert' based on the model Deb is using in the school districts. Deb suggested it should be more than training the trainer. Make it by invitation, people who are experts and already passionate about FASD, the super good therapists, teachers, correctional officers, and realize it's for long term so it has to be the passionate

people who will carry it on, people who are experienced in the system, because they know the system and can make it work from the inside.

VI. September 9 Events/Trainings

Teri announced the FASD training “Practical Applications for Addressing FASD in the Justice System,” on Sept. 9. Need to get the word out. Flyers went out to Partnership members to redistribute.

VII. Announcements

Teri will be offering advocacy trainings this fall in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Juneau, about telling their personal stories to legislators, tools for successful meetings, speaking on a public panel or testifying before a public committee, updates on current public policy and funding issues affecting vulnerable Alaskans, tips for advocacy from home, registering to vote and access to voting for people with disabilities, and opportunities for advocacy in the community. Contact her if you’re interested.

Teri will send out link to the revised DEED FASD training.

VIII. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2016